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Statement on HB 507 to the House Transportation Committee faxed on Feb. 14, 2011 by Jeanette Zentgraf:

I oppose HB 507 because a special use permit for megaloads on state highways will discourage commerce. It is sufficient that the Department of Transportation is required to do an Environmental Assessment on megaloads.

There has been a 3 month long blitz of Letters to the Editor and Guest Columns in the Missoulian conducted by the New Progressive Party in Missoula, which condemns the megaloads as contributors to the destruction of the environment and to Climate Change, because of the Canada tar flats' production of oil.

However, the majority of my neighbors who live off Highway 12, the route of the megaloads and friends in the city welcome the megaloads and ensuing jobs.

Please oppose HB 507.